

## **Second Plenary Agenda**

Friday, November 22nd 2013 (9:00 am EST)

*Lord Elgin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario*

*<<Lady Elgin Room>>*

### 1. **Call to Order (10:05 am EST)**

2. **[2:1] BIRT** Eric Snow be appointed as Plenary Chair for the duration of first plenary at the 2013 Advocacy Week.

Moved: SAITSA

Seconded: DSU

**Motion carried**

### 3. **Appointment of Recording Secretary**

**[3:1] BIRT** Gabrielle Dolgoy be appointed as recording secretary for the duration the 2013 Advocacy Week.

Moved: RRCSA

Seconded: STUSU

**Motion carried**

### 4. **Roll Call**

Acadia Students' Union (**ASU**)

Athabasca University Graduate Students' Association (**AUGSA**)

Brock University Students' Union (**BUSU**)  
Dalhousie Student Union (**DSU**)  
Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver (**UBCGSS**)  
McMaster Student Union (**MSU**)  
Mount Allison University Student Administrative Council (**MASU**)  
Red River College Students' Association (**RRCSA**)  
Saint Mary's University Students' Association (**SMUSA**)  
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Students' Association  
(**SAITSA**)  
St. Francis Xavier University Students' Union (**ST.FXSU**)  
St. Thomas University Students' Union (**STUSU**)  
Students' Association of Mount Royal University (**SAMRU**)  
University of Alberta Student Union (**UASU**)  
University of Calgary Students' Union (**UCSU**)  
University of Lethbridge Students' Union (**ULSU**)  
University of New Brunswick Students' Representative council  
(**UNB St. John**) (proxy)  
University of New Brunswick Students' Representative council  
(**UNB Fredricton**) (proxy)  
University of Prince Edward Island Student Union (**UPEISU**)  
University of Fraser Valley Student Union Society (**UFVSVU**)  
University of Waterloo Federation of Students (**UW-FEDS**)  
University of Western Ontario Students' Council (**UWOSC**)

Absent:

Fédération des étudiantes et des étudiants du Centre  
universitaire de Moncton (**FÉÉCUM**)  
Graduate Student Association, University of Waterloo (**UW-GSA**)

5. **Call for Proxy Votes**

UNB St. John gives their proxy to UNB Fredericton

UW-GSA gives their proxy to AUGSA

5. **National Advocacy Team**

**[6:1] BIRT** that upon the recommendation of the National Advocacy Team, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations organizes an awareness campaign surrounding the issue of student debt based on the following principles:

- The campaign will occur on the week of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February until the 7<sup>th</sup> of February
- This campaign will ask that the federal government increase the Canada Student Grant Program and increase funding to non-repayable student aid.
- The final theme of the campaign will be decided by the CASA membership at the Ottawa plenary.
- Each member school may identify their own regions largest factor towards student debt, as a means of addressing the causes of debt in addition to advocating for additional non-repayable student aid."

Moved: MSU

Seconded: ULSU

Motion to amend to include the establishments of grants for high need graduate students—**Motion defeated**

Motion to amend to alter the date for March 10-March 15 2014—**Motion defeated:** abstentions UPEI

Motion to amend to the date being established by the board of directors—**Motion carried**

Comments from: AUGSA, SAITSA, National Director, UWOSC, DSU, Chair of the Board of Directors, ULSU, UPEISU, UFVSU, UCSU, UASU, ASU, UW-FEDS

SAITSA moves to Call the Question (motion carries)

**Motion carried.**

Amended motion reads as:

**[6:1] BIRT** that upon the recommendation of the National Advocacy Team, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations organizes an awareness campaign surrounding the issue of student debt based on the following principles:

- The campaign date shall be established by the Board of the Directors
- This campaign will ask that the federal government increase the Canada Student Grant Program and increase funding to non-repayable student aid.
- The final theme of the campaign will be decided by the CASA membership at the Ottawa plenary.
- Each member school may identify their own regions largest factor towards student debt, as a means of addressing the

causes of debt in addition to advocating for additional non-repayable student aid.

## 7. Policy Committee

**[7:1]** BIRT CASA approve the policy proposal "[Optimizing Programs for Commercialization](#)"

Moved: AUGSA  
Seconded: SAITSA

*Supporting Documentation:* "Optimizing Programs for Commercialization"

Comments from: AUGSA, UWOSC

**Motion defeated:** abstentions UPEISU

**[7:2]** BIRT CASA approve the policy proposal "Government Leadership in Commercialization"

Moved: AUGSA  
Seconded: SAITSA

*Supporting Documentation:* "[Government Leadership in Commercialization](#)"

Comments from: AUGSA, DSU, STUSU, Chair, UWOSC, UW-FEDS, UASU

Motion to refer policies 7:2 and 7:1 back to Policy Committee-  
**Motion carried.**

**[7:3] BIRT CASA** approve the following amendments to policy "A34-Expanding PhD graduate fast-track residency through the federal skilled worker program"

Moved: AUGSA  
Seconded: UBCGSS

*Supporting Documentation: ["A34- Expanding PhD graduate fast-track residency through the federal skilled worker program"](#)*

Comments: AUGSA, UBCGSS, DSU

### **Motion carried**

**[7:4] BIRT CASA** approve the following amendments to policy "F06-Creating a grant for Grad Students with High Financial Need"

Moved: UBCGSS  
Seconded: STUSU

*Supporting Documentation: [F06- Creating a grant for Grad Students with High Financial Need](#)*

Comments: UBCGSS

### **Motion carried**

**[7:5] BIRT CASA** approve the following amendments to Policy "I09 - Open Educational Resources"

Moved: RRCSA  
Seconded: AUGSA

*Supporting Documentation: "[109 - Open Educational Resources](#)"*

Comments: AUGSA

**Motion carried**

### 3. **Motions Rising from the Board**

[8.1] **BIRT** \_\_\_\_\_ fill the vacancy on CASA's Board.

Call for nominations:

Adam Woods (UASU)

Travis Gordon (UPEISU)

Eric Snow (declines)

Motion to move session into camera: UCSU

Seconded: MASU

Motion to appoint Travis Gordon: ASU

Seconded: UASU

**Motion carried:** abstentions UPEISU

Motion to appoint two members (listed below) to the policy committee.

Moved: AUGSA

Seconded: ULSU

Call for nominations:

Darcy (ASU)

Amir (UWOSC)

**Motion carried:** abstention ASU

9. **Motions Rising from the Membership**

**None**

10. **Presentation of Reports**

**[10.1]** Board Action Plan Update

Comments from: Chair of the Board, CASA National Director, UASU, AUGSA, UBCGSS, UWOSC

**[10.2]** National Advocacy Team Workplan Update

Comments from: UASU

**[10.3]** Policy Committee Workplan Update

Comments from: ULSU, UASU

**[10.4]** Graduate Council Workplan Update

Comments from: UBCGSS

**[10.5]** Trades and Tech Workplan update

Comments from: SAITSA

**[10.6]** Bylaws Committee Update and Discussion

Comments from: Secretary of the Board, CASA National Director, UASU, UWOSC, SAITSA

## 11. Other Business

Motion to task the national advocacy committee to come up with recommendations for a CASA campaign and work with the board to set up a town hall in which the members can deliberate and choose and vote for a theme

Moved: UWOSC

Seconded: DSU

Comments from: UASU, SMUSA, STUSU, SAITSA, UWOSC, DSU, Chair of the Board, Treasurer of the Board

### **Motion defeated**

Motion: BIRT CASA adopt “student debt” as part of an overarching theme for the advocacy campaign that will move forward with the particulars of that campaign to be decided by individual institutions to be discussed at the town hall meeting (TBD)

Moved: SAITSA

Seconded: STUSU

Comments from: ASU, UWOSC

Motion to amend the motion to include a clause that necessitates the theme being approved by a “majority of attendees”

Moved: DSU

Seconded: STUSU

Comments from: STUSU, UWOSC, Chair, DSU, ASU

ASU Calls the Question: Motion carries

### **Motion carried**

Motion to amend the wording of amendment to strike “majority of attendees” in exchange for “a quorum of ten voting members (schools)”

Moved: DSU

Seconded: STUSU

Comments from: ASU, DSU, UASU

Motion to table this amendment to the National Advocacy Committee

Moved: Treasure of the Board of Directors

Seconded: ULSU

Comments from: MASU, DSU, Chair

### **Motion defeated**

Motion on the amendment regarding ten (10) members needing to be present to allow approval of theme of national advocacy campaign

Comments from: UWOSC, UFVSU, UASU, DSU

Motion to amend the motion to declare quorum necessary to gain approval of theme

Moved: DSU

Seconded: STUSU

Comments: UBSGSS

### **Motion defeated**

Return to initial motion including amendments for “BIRT CASA adopt “student debt” as part of an overarching theme for the advocacy campaign that will move forward with the particulars of that campaign to be decided by individual institutions to be discussed at the town hall meeting (TBD). **The date for the campaign to be determined by the Board of Directors, and the theme to be approved by the majority of town hall attendees.**”

**Motion carried** to accept amendments

Motion to amend previous motion to include: “BIRT CASA adopt “student debt” as part of an overarching theme for the advocacy campaign that will move forward with **uniform campaign delivery at all member schools with** the particulars of that campaign to be

decided by individual institutions to be discussed at the town hall meeting (TBD). The date for the campaign to be determined by the Board of Directors, and the theme to be approved by the majority of town hall attendees.”

Moved: UASU

Seconded: RRCSU

Comments from: UW-FEDS, UWOSC, UASU, UPEISU, ULSU, UBCGSS, SAITSA, DSU, UNB

SAMRU Calls the Question

**Motion carried** to accept amendments

Return to main motion including all amendments to, “BIRT CASA adopt “student debt” as part of an overarching theme for the advocacy campaign that will move forward with uniform campaign delivery at all member schools with the particulars of that campaign to be decided by individual institutions to be discussed at the town hall meeting (TBD). The date for the campaign to be determined by the Board of Directors, and the theme to be approved by the majority of town hall attendees.”

SAMRU Calls the Question: Motion carried

**Motion carried:** Abstentions UPEISU

12. Adjournment – 2:25pm

Moved: ASU

Seconded: SMUSA

**Motion carried**